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SUMMARY: DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER LISE OSTERGAARD'S
PRIMARY MESSAGE DELIVERED DURING HER RECENT VISIT TO
ISRAEL WAS A PLEA TO THE ISRAELIS TO MAINTAIN THEIR
DIALOGUE WITH THEIR WESTERN FRIENDS AND NOT TO ISOLATE
THEMSELVES BECAUSE OF THEIR INTRANSIGENCE. END SUMMARY

1. THE AMBASSADOR CALLED ON DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER
LISE OSTERGAARD TODAY IN ORDER TO OBTAIN HER REAC-
TIONS TO HER VISIT TO ISRAEL OCTOBER 17-19 AT THE
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INVITATION OF THE DANISH-ISRAELI FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY.

2. THE VISIT WAS ARRANGED AFTER THE MEETING IN
NEW YORK BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN
AND MOSHE DAYAN WHICH WAS SOMETHING OF A CONFRONTA-
TION. POSSIBLY ONE OF MRS. OSTERGAARD'S TASKS WAS
TO ATTEMPT TO REPAIR WHATEVER DAMAGE IN DANISH-

ISRAELI RELATIONS MAY HAVE OCCURRED. SHE IS ALSO PROFESSIONALLY AND EMOTIONALLY INVOLVED IN REFUGEE PROBLEMS AND WAS OBVIOUSLY INTERESTED IN THE QUESTION OF THE PALESTINIAN REFUGEES.

3. AS MRS. OSTERGAARD OBSERVED, MUCH OF WHAT SHE WAS EXPOSED TO IN ISRAEL, INCLUDING THE SENTIMENTS VOICED BY VARIOUS ISRAELI LEADERS -- INCLUDING DAYAN -- WAS FAMILAR AND CONSEQUENTLY WILL NOT BE REPEATED HERE. SHE WAS, NOWEVER, STRUCK BY WHAT SHE PERCEIVED TO BE ISRAEL'S "LONGSIGHTEDNESS". APPARENTLY WHAT SHE MEANT BY THIS WAS HER IMPRESSION THAT THE ISRAELIS WERE THINKING IN TERMS OF THE CAUTION WITH WHICH THEY SHOULD REGARD THE OUTCOME OF A GENEVA CONFERENCE AND THEIR FEELING THAT SOMETHING MORE CONCRETE COULD BE WORKED OUT ON A PIECEMEAL BASIS WITH THE VARIOUS ARAB STATES, BEGINNING WITH EGYPT AND JORDAN. SHE ALSO CITED DAYAN'S USE OF JERUSALEM AS AN EXAMPLE WHERE IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE FOR ARABS AND JEWS TO LIVE TOGETHER.

4. ALTHOUGH GOLDA MEIR AND PEREZ, PARTICULARLY THE FORMER, CAME DOWN HARD ON WHAT THEY FELT WAS THE LOSS OF EUROPEAN "MORALITY", BROUGHT ABOUT AS THE RESULT OF THE 1973-74 OIL BOYCOTT, DAYAN HIMSELF MADE LITTLE REFERENCE TO EUROPEAN ATTITUDES. HE, CONFIDENTIAL

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FOR EXAMPLE, DID NOT MENTION THE RECENT NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' DECLARATION CALLING FOR A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND. IN FACT, MRS. OSTERGAARD SAID, HIS ATTENTION SEEMED TO BE FULLY FOCUSED ON US-SOVIET ATTITUDES.

5. MRS. OSTERGAARD REGARDED HER PRIMARY MISSION AS ONE OF WARNING THE ISRAELIS NOT TO ISOLATE THEMSELVES FROM THEIR WESTERN FRIENDS BECAUSE OF THEIR INTRANSIGENCE. SHE BELIEVES THAT THE DANES ARE PARTICULARLY ABLE TO SPEAK ON THIS SUBJECT BECAUSE OF THEIR ASSISTANCE TO THE JEWS DURING WORLD WAR II. SHE RECALLED THAT THE FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY, WHICH SHE ADDRESSED, WAS FOUNDED IN ISRAEL AS A TOKEN OF ISRAELI GRATITUDE FOR THIS DANISH ACTION.
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